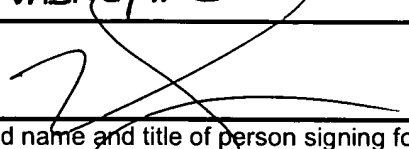


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This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.		
Name of Patentee(s) <b>ANTHONY ROSS AND PETER GUAGLIANO</b>		
Patent Number <b>6,264,659</b>	Date Patent Issued <b>JULY 24, 2007</b>	
Title of Invention <b>METHOD OF TREATING AN INTERVERTEBRAL DISK</b>		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filed herein is a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b). (Form PTO/SB/96)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Ownership of the patent is in the inventor(s), and no assignment of the patent is in effect.</p> <p>One of boxes 1 or 2 above must be checked. If multiple assignees, complete this form for each assignee. If box 2 is checked, skip the next entry and go directly to "Name of Assignee".</p> <p>The written consent of all assignees and inventors owning an undivided interest in the original patent is included in this application for reissue.</p>		
The assignee(s) owning an undivided interest in said original patent is/are <u><b>NUVASIVE, INC.</b></u> and the assignee(s) consents to the accompanying application for reissue.		
Name of assignee/inventor (if not assigned) <b>NUVASIVE, INC</b>		
Signature 	Date <b>JANUARY 16, 2006</b>	
Typed or printed name and title of person signing for assignee (if assigned) <b>JONATHAN SPANGLER</b> <b>VICE PRESIDENT &amp; CHIEF PATENT COUNSEL</b>		

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: NuVasive, Inc.

Application No./Patent No./Control No.: 10/627,553 Filed/Issue Date: July 24, 2003

Entitled: Method for Treating an Intervertebral Disc

NuVasive, Inc., a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee: corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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Date(s) of execution of Declaration: JAN. 11, 2006

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WHEREAS, *NuVasive, Inc.*, a Corporation of the State of Delaware, located at 4545 Towne Centre Court, San Diego, CA, 92121, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have assigned, and by these presents do assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

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